



Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council

ADOPT TWO RESOLUTIONS AND RATIFY THE EMERGENCY CONTRACT FOR THE SINKHOLE AND STORM DRAIN REPAIRS ON VALLEY DRIVE

CEQA: Determine the Annual Storm Drain Improvements project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) and Section 15269 (Emergency Repairs). The proposed work is emergency replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.
(Public Works Director Joe SanClemente)

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution, requiring a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the City Council, pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050, to declare an emergency in response to a sink hole on Valley Drive due to storm drain failure, ratify the action taken by the City Manager, and authorize the City Manager to take further action as may be necessary (**Attachment 2**);
2. Adopt a Resolution proclaiming the termination of the existence of a local emergency (**Attachment 2**); and
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works to file a Notice of Completion following completion of the project.

Executive Summary:

The emergency repair project consists of excavation of trench, backfilling with slurry, and replacement approximately 30 linear feet of storm drainpipe to connect to the existing 30-inch diameter storm drainpipe and the restoration of asphalt pavement at the location of a sinkhole discovered on Valley Drive approximately 375 feet south of Gould Avenue.

Background:

The Public Works Department was notified of a sinkhole at Valley Park, located near the north side of the Rotary Club exit driveway. City staff continued to monitor the damaged roadway and it was observed that the sinkhole expanded, spanning both travel lanes, further damaging the roadway. City staff investigated the roadway and discovered that the issue was caused by a failed section of an existing corrugated metal storm drain pipe. Staff then conducted boring tests and soil samples to further define the limits of the impacted area, which extended approximately 3 feet on each side of the 30-inch pipe.

Analysis:

Pursuant to Municipal Code section 3.12.060 and 3.14.010, as well as the California Public Contract Code section 22050, the city staff is authorized to take immediate action for emergency repairs or replacements when necessary to avoid danger or life or property. City staff may then proceed at once to replace or repair any public facility and/or procure the necessary equipment, services and supplies, without giving notice of bids to let contracts.

The City Manager notified the City Council in writing on July 29, 2025 of the need and findings for an Emergency Declaration, the emergency declaration letter is attached as Exhibit A to Resolution RES-25-.

The sinkhole caused significant damage to the adjacent street, resulting from the failure of 30-inch corrugated metal pipe that connects the Greenbelt culvert headwall to the Valley Drive storm drain system. Due to the severity of damage, it was necessary to quickly engage a contractor to perform the necessary repairs and restore both the storm drain system and the street as quickly as possible.

GRBCON Inc., the contractor currently handling the construction of the City’s sewer Capital Improvement Program (CIP) project (CIP 421), was selected to conduct the repairs to the City’s 30-inch storm drain and restore the impacted roadway. An emergency contract was issued to GRBCON, Incorporated for these repairs related to the pipe replacement and street restoration, with a total cost of \$104,125. **(Attachment 3)**.

The construction work commenced on Monday, August 4, 2025 and all work was completed on, Wednesday, August 6, 2025, within the contract limit.

Environmental Analysis

The Project is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) and Section 15269 (Emergency Repairs). The proposed work is emergency replacement or reconstruction of existing utility system involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. No exceptions to the CEQA exemption apply.

Fiscal Impact:

The emergency repair work will be funded by budgeted CIP 417 (Storm Drain Improvements) project funds in the Storm Drain Fund.

| Agreement Request | | |
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| Request Amount | Account # | Total Contract Amount |
| \$104,125 | 161-8417-4201 | \$104,125 |

Attachments:

1. Draft Resolution – Declaration
2. Draft Resolution – Termination
3. Contract Agreement

Respectfully Submitted by: Heecheol Kwon, Senior Engineer

Concur: Saad Malim, City Engineer

Concur: Joe SanClemente, Public Works Director

Legal Review: Todd Leishman, Interim City Attorney

Noted for Fiscal Impact: Henry Chao, Finance Manager

Concur: Brandon Walker, Administrative Services Director

Approved: Steve Napolitano, Interim City Manager